Crewman Jailed For Hitting Captain

CHEMAINUS—James B. Swen, a member of the crew of the freighter Avisbay, loading cargo in Chemainus, was sentenced to 30 days in jail, for assaulting the ship's captain when he appeared before Magistrate J. H. Bryant in police court here.

The assault took place while the captain was reprimanding Swen for a breach of ship regulations.

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Wearing the C.B.E. ribbon and cross and the cross of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Mrs. Frank Ross, wife of Lieutenant-Governor Frank Ross, chats with Victoria scouts and guides who received high awards yesterday: Doris Watters, Alfred Lincoln, Tony Collins and Diane Livesey. —(Colonist photo.)

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B.C.'s Top Scouts, Guides 'Graduate' at City Ceremony

Good deeds abounded in the Empress Hotel yesterday with 123 of British Columbia's top Boy Scouts and 22 top Girl Guides present.

They were attending the "graduating" exercises of the two youth movements — presentation of Queen's Scout awards to the Scouts and Gold Cord certificates to the Guides.

The ceremony also represented emancipation for the girls—in previous years only the boys have attended the province-wide ceremony and the girls have been given their awards in small, local ceremonies.

Lieutenant-Governor Frank Ross, who specifically requested that the girls take part this year, presented awards to them.

But he was unable to stand for the length of time it took to present the boys with their certificates so Mrs. Ross made the presentations. An old leg injury from the First World War has been troubling the lieutenant-governor. Mr. Ross apologized to the boys after the ceremony.

CITY YOUTHS

Four Victoria youths were among the 145 Scouts and Guides—Tony Collis, 15, 223 Denison; Alfred Lincoln, 16, 1330 Thurlow; Diane Livesey, 18, 52 Sylvan Lane, and Doris Watters, 17, 930 Snowdrop Avenue. Both boys are members of the Gonzales Troop.

One of the Scouts almost didn't make it. John Yaremekewich of North Bend was ill in bed yesterday morning, but he insisted on getting up to attend the ceremony.

SHE MISSED OUT

And one of the Guides did miss out — Elizabeth Anne Thomas of Burnaby. She was too ill to come to Victoria at all.

Eleven Vancouver Island Scouts took part in the ceremony—Kurt Neilson, Alberni; Kenneth Pearse, Cumberland-Comox; John T. Cochrane, Cumberland-Comox; Bruce Watson, Courtenay-Comox; Harold Pearse, Cumberland-Comox; John Kennedy, Shawnigan Lake-Cowichan Valley; Robert Wyckoff; Ladysmith-Mt. Brenton; Melvin Galloway, Ladysmith-Mt. Brenton, and Richard Heyd, Westholme-Chemainus.

BY WARSHIP

The Scouts and Guides from the mainland were brought to Victoria aboard HMCS ships New Waterford and Jonquiere. They were billeted Wednesday night and last night with Victoria families and will leave on the same ships this morning.

Only incident which marred the sight of so many top Scouts and Guides together at the one time occurred when two Guides volunteered to lead about 30 boys and girls to the Duke of Kent Room where soft drinks and hot dogs awaited them.

They got lost.

Stork Works Overtime

DUNCAN—King's Daughters' Hospital here recorded its highest monthly birth rate in March with 75 births. The previous record was 63 births established in May, 1958.

100 Briefs

Shrum Report In July

The three-man Shrum royal commission won't complete its final report on the inquiry into operations of the British Columbia Power Commission until some time in July.

This was announced by Dr. Gordon Shrum at the final hearing for the purpose of receiving briefs, held in Victoria yesterday.

More than 100 briefs and other documents have been placed on file with the inquiring commission.

Since the hearings opened in Vancouver last December, more than 2,000 pages of transcript were used to record an estimated 650,000 words of cross-examination of witnesses by commissioners and counsel for various parties concerned.

The commission has already made an interim report on refinancing of Power Commission bonds—since adopted by the provincial government—and another interim report is expected within three weeks on proposed rate changes.

Further hearings will be held in the Empress Hotel, April 28 and 29, to give counsel a chance to sum up, Dr. Shrum said.

Winner Returns

George Anderson of Chemainus, one of three young B.C. men winners of Rotary overseas travel awards, will return to Vancouver today aboard the 28-ton Ss. Himalaya.

The Orient and Pacific Lines' vessel is making an inaugural round trip to the Orient from Vancouver and will sail at 5 p.m. Saturday.

The homecoming Chemainus man has just completed a two-month Rotary study tour of New Zealand.

Jaycees Bow Out

Nanaimo Loses Parade, Queen

NANAIMO — Nanaimo will be without a parade and May Queen on Empire Day.

At a special meeting called by Mayor Pete Maffeo, Wednesday, only a handful of interested citizens attended to put forward suggestions for the annual Empire Day celebrations.

The Nanaimo Jaycees, who have run the parade in past years, have withdrawn their services because of sharp criticism from some local merchants over last year's parade, when it was held on a Saturday instead of Monday.

However, some organizations will hold activities over the long weekend, starting May 15.

Here is the schedule:

May 15, night: Shriners' pageant, Civic Arena; stock car racing, Exhibition Park; Saturday: Shriners' parade, dance at Centennial Hall; Sunday: Newcastle Island family day sponsored by the Lions Club. Kiwanis fishing derby; Monday: Indianapolis sprint car races.

INDIAN DIGGERS

The Shoshoni Indians of Nevada were long known as "Diggers" because of their practice of scraping up roots for food.

Parksville Observers Honored

PARKSVILLE— Parksville's ground observer post was one of three Vancouver Island branches of the corps to receive the certificate of merit as "post of the year" for proficiency during 1958.

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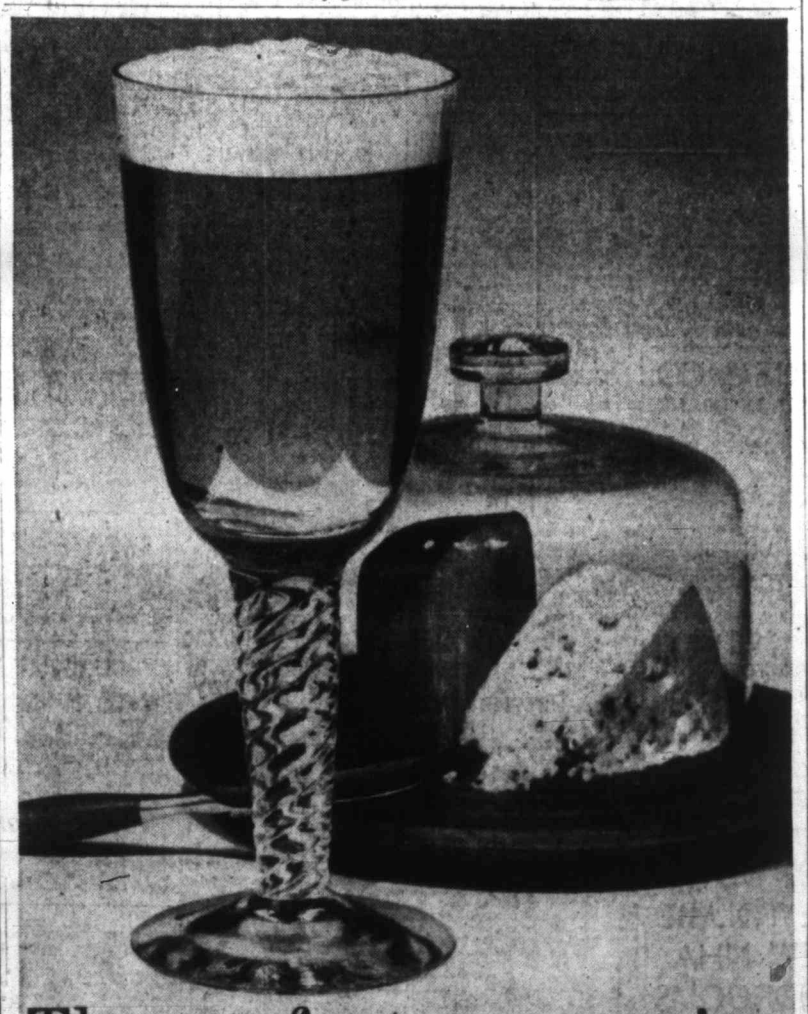

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